UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Appointment of midwives.

1. MR. K. T. MICHAEL (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any scheme to post one trained midwife at least for every village?

MR. B. PARAMU (*Secretary to Government*): It is the intention of Government to provide a midwife for every four to five thousands of the population.

Infant Mortality.

2. MR. K. T. MICHAEL: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are taking statistics of infant mortality and the mortality of women during child birth?

MR. B. PARAMU: Yes.

Bridge in the eastern bazaar, Kayamkulam.

3. MR. P. K. KUNJU (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that the bridge in the eastern bazaar, Kayamkulam is unserviceable for traffic;

(*b*) if so, how long has this bridge remained in this condition; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to make this important bridge serviceable for vehicular transport in the near future?

MR. B. PARAMU: (*a*) The bridge is unsafe for vehicular traffic but serviceable for pedestrians.

(*b*) For about 6 years.

(*c*) No. The Kayankulam R. C. bridge about a furlong from this bridge will serve the purpose.

Sea Erosion.

4. MR. P. R. ATCHUTAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the depth of misery which the coastal people of Karunagapalli are put to, due to sea erosion and scarcity of drinking water; and

(*b*) if so, the attitude of the Government in the matter?

MR. B. PARAMU: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Urgent investigations are being made.

Harijan schools.

5. MR. P. K. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Harijan schools recognised and given grants in the years 1119 and 1120;

(*b*) the number of such schools under the management of the Paraya community;

(*c*) whether they are aware of the fact that an M. P. school of the Paraya community is being conducted at Thoonkuzhikkal Thottakkad, Changanacherry taluk; and

(*d*) if so, whether any pecuniary help has been given by the department?

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MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI : (*a*) 78 during 1119 and 73 during 1120.
(*b*) None.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) No.

Recruitment in the Police Department.

6. MR. P. K. KUMARAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any petition from members of the backward communities praying that they may be exempted from the operation of the rules now in force for recruitment in the Police department ;

(*b*) if so, the action taken on it by them ; and

(*c*) if not, the reason for the same ?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Reply was sent to the petitioner giving reasons for non-compliance with his request.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (b).

Stationary Magistrates.

7. MR. P. K. KUNJU : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of graduates-in-law in service on Rs. 80-100 in the Registration, Land Revenue and Co-operative Departments.

(*b*) whether it is the policy of Government to give preference to graduates-in-law in the service in postings to the Magistracy ; and

(*c*) the number of postings with a list, by caste, as Stationary Magistrates made from the Registration, Co-operative and Land Revenue Departments from 1-1-1119 to 1-9-1120 ?

MR. B. PARAMU :

(*a*) Registration Department 1
Land Revenue Department 8
Co-operative Department 1

(*b*) The claims of graduates-in-law and persons who have passed the Criminal Judicial Test are considered in filling up vacancies of Magistrates.

(*c*) Registration Department 1 Brahmin.
Co-operative Department Nil.
Land Revenue Department 1 Nair.

Burial ground at Cheppanpara.

8. MR. K. T. MICHAEL : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether burial ground at Cheppanpara in the control of the Kanjirapally District Hospital is unenclosed ;

(*b*) its distance from the K. K. road ;

(*c*) whether dead bodies are unearthed by jackals and dogs and carried into the adjoining compounds ;

(*d*) whether representations have been made for enclosing it ;

(*e*) whether steps have been taken to enclose it ; and

(*f*) if no steps have been taken will the Government be pleased to take immediate steps ?

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